

XXXIII.—*Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1904.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union was held in the meeting-room of the Zoological Society of London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission of the Council of that Society), on Wednesday, the 11th of May, at 6 P.M., when Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., the President, took the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee was read:—"The Committee have to report the continued prosperity of the Union during the past year, both as regards Membership and as regards its finances.

"The annual volume of 'The Ibis' for 1903, published in due course, is the third of the eighth series, which is under the joint Editorship of Dr. P. L. Selater, F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans. It contains 659 pages, and is illustrated by 12 plates, only two of which are uncoloured.

"On reference to the financial statement for the past year, it will be observed that for the first time since 1898 there have been no outstanding accounts at the end of the year, and that the balance to the credit of the Union on the 31st of December last amounted to £36 14s. 5d.

"With much regret the Committee have to report the deaths of two Ordinary Members since the last Anniversary, viz., Dr. Edward Hamilton and Mr. W. F. Urwick. Two Members have resigned (Mr. T. L. M. Cartwright and Mr. Eugene W. Oates) and two have been removed under Rule VI., viz., Commander A. F. Gurney, R.N., and Mr. F. E. Mugford.

"The Union now consists of 377 Ordinary Members, 2 Extra-Ordinary Members, 10 Honorary Members, 3 Colonial Members, and 19 Foreign Members.

"There are 32 Candidates for Ordinary Membership at the present Meeting. Mr. A. J. Campbell is recommended for election as a Colonial Member, and Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Blasius to fill the vacancy in the list of Foreign Members."

The Meeting then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and it was announced that Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., had been re-elected President, and Mr. Howard Saunders, Secretary; also that Mr. E. G. B. Meade-Waldo had been elected a member of the Committee in place of Dr. F. D. Drewitt, who had retired by rotation, and that the election into the Committee of Mr. J. L. Bonhote in place of Mr. E. W. Oates, resigned, had been confirmed.

The following thirty-one gentlemen were then balloted for and elected Ordinary Members:—Philip H. Bahr, B.A., Oakfield, Cromptons Lane, Wavertree, Liverpool; Harry B. Booth, 40 Spring Road, Shipley, Yorks; A. D. Mitchell-Carruthers, Holbrook Rectory, Ipswich; Goland Van Holt Clarke, D.S.O. (18th Hussars), Brooke House, Hayward's Heath, Sussex; Lieut. Henry L. Cochrane, R.N., H.M.S. 'Hermione,' Mediterranean; Charles Collier, F.Z.S., Cliveden House, 21 Eaton Terrace, S.W.; T. A. Dorrien-Smith, J.P., D.L., Treseo Abbey, Scilly Isles; Dr. Ralph E. Drake-Brockman, Cheriton, Wellington Road, Bournemouth; George H. Duckworth, 22 Hyde Park Gate, S.W.; Henry B. Elton, Holsworthy, N. Devon, and Caius College, Cambridge; Arthur S. Gaye, Trinity College, Cambridge; Norman Gilroy, 71 Claremont Road, Forest Gate, Essex; Capt. Herbert H. Harington, 92 Punjabis, Bhamo, Upper Burma; Francis Head, Buckingham, Shoreham, Sussex; Capt. Boyd R. Horsbrugh, A.S.C., Seabrooke Vale, Shorncliffe Camp; John E. H. Kelso, 12 Festing Road, Southsea, Hants; Dr. Percy R. Lowe, *care of* Sir Frederic Johnstone, Bart., The Hatch, Windsor; Lieut. Hubert Lynes, R.N., 23 Onslow Gardens, S.W.; Kenneth C. Macdonald, Burma Police, Rangoon, Burma; Harvey W. Mapleton, Hartley Wintney, Hants; Thomas H. Newman, F.Z.S., 20 Montpelier Square, S.W.; Wickham Noakes, Selsdon Park, Croydon; Theed Pearse, Mentmore, Amptill Road, Bedford; James Sargent, 76 Jermyn Street, S.W.; L. M. Seth-Smith, B.A., Alleyne, Caterham Valley; Julian T. Stephen, 22 Hyde Park Gate, W.; Lieut. William R. Thompson, R.G.A., Clarence Barracks, Portsmouth; Charles

R. Whitty, B.A., M.D., Minna Lodge, Hunstanton, Norfolk; Major Charles L. Williams, M.D., Indian Medical Service, Coimbatore, South India; William C. Wright, Charlevoix, Marlborough Park, Belfast; Lieut. Martin Young, 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regt., Mhow, India.

Mr. A. J. Campbell, of Melbourne, was elected a Colonial Member, and Geh. Hofr. Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Blasius, of Brunswick, was elected a Foreign Member of the Union.

After a vote of thanks to the Council of the Zoological Society of London for the use of their rooms had been unanimously agreed to, the Meeting adjourned.

The Annual Dinner, subsequently held at the Trocadero Restaurant (Dr. F. DuCane Godman in the Chair), was attended by twenty-four Members and one Guest.

#### XXXIV.—*Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.*

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##### 62. *André's 'Naturalist in the Guianas.'*

[A Naturalist in the Guianas. By Eugène André, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S. With a Preface by Dr. J. Scott Keltie. London, Smith Elder & Co., 1904. 1 vol., 8vo.]

The instructive paper on the birds of the Orinoco Region by Count Hans v. Berlepsch and Mr. Hartert, published in the ninth volume of 'Novitates Zoologicae' (see 'Ibis,' 1902, p. 505), was partly based on a collection of 1800 skins made by Mr. Eugène André on the Caura River, an important tributary of the Orinoco. We have now a most interesting account of the adventures met with by Mr. André while engaged in the exploration of this little-known river and in the formation of his collection. He did not, however, confine his attention entirely to birds, but also obtained many specimens of mammals, butterflies, and orchids.

Mr. André is evidently a highly cultivated and well-instructed man, with great enthusiasm for Natural History in all its branches, and writes in excellent style. His